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Re:

Enclosed §1.111 Amendment

U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/522,609

Our Ref: NEC.162

Dear Examiner Chowdhury:

Enclosed is an Amendment which is responsive to the December 27, 2002 Office Action, and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance. A Petition for Two Month Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

Phillip E. Miller

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